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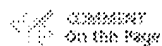
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A curve similar to the sine function but possibly shifted in phase, period, amplitude, or any combination thereof. The general sinusoid of amplitude a , angular frequency ω (and period $2\pi/\omega$), and phase c is given by

$$f(x) = a \sin(\omega x + c).$$

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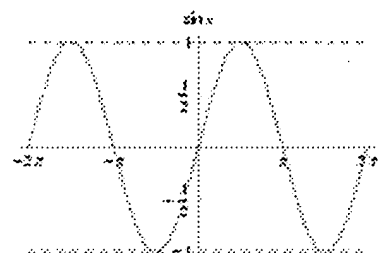
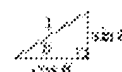
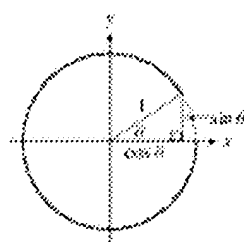


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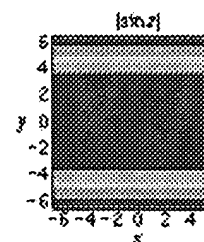
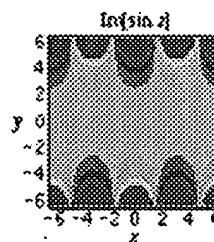
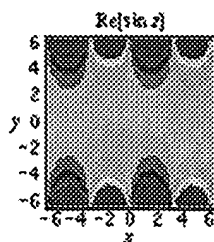
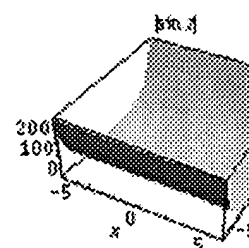
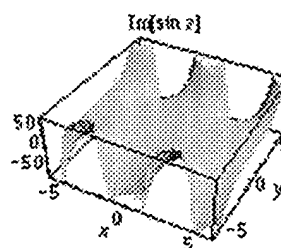
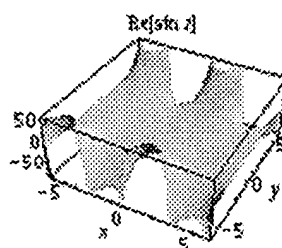
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The sine function $\sin x$ is one of the basic functions encountered in trigonometry (others being the cosecant, cosine, cotangent, secant, and tangent). Let θ be an measured counterclockwise from the x -axis along an arc of the unit circle. Then the vertical coordinate of the arc endpoint. As a result of this definition, the sin function is periodic with period 2π . By the Pythagorean theorem, $\sin \theta$ also obeys identity

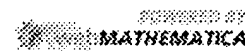
$$\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1.$$



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The definition of the sine function can be extended to complex arguments z , illustrated above, using the definition

$$\sin z = \frac{e^{iz} - e^{-iz}}{2i},$$

where e is the base of the natural logarithm and i is the imaginary number. Sine is an entire function and is implemented in *Mathematica* as `Sin[z]`.

A related function known as the hyperbolic sine is similarly defined,

$$\sinh z = \frac{1}{2} (e^z - e^{-z}).$$

The sine function can be defined algebraically by the infinite sum

$$\sin x = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{(2n-1)!} x^{2n-1}$$

and infinite product

$$\sin x = x \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{n^2 \pi^2} \right)$$

(Borwein *et al.* 2004, p. 5).

It is also given by the imaginary part of the complex exponential

$$\sin x = \operatorname{Im}[e^{ix}].$$

The multiplicative inverse of the sine function is the cosecant, defined as

$$\operatorname{csc} x \equiv \frac{1}{\sin x}.$$

The sine function is also given by the slowly convergent infinite series

$$\sin(z) = -\pi \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu(k) \ln\left(\frac{x}{k}\right) \operatorname{frac}\left(\frac{kz}{2\pi}\right)}{k \ln k},$$

where $\mu(k)$ is the Möbius function and $\operatorname{frac}(x)$ is the fractional part (M. Trott).

The derivative of $\sin x$ is

$$\frac{d}{dx} \sin x = \cos x,$$

and its indefinite integral is

$$\int \sin x \, dx = -\cos x + C,$$

where C is a constant of integration.

Using the results from the exponential sum formulas

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^N \sin(nx) &= \operatorname{Im} \left[\sum_{n=0}^N e^{inx} \right] \\ &= \operatorname{Im} \left[\frac{e^{i(N+1)x} - 1}{e^{ix} - 1} \right] \\ &= \operatorname{Im} \left[\frac{e^{i(N+1)x/2}}{e^{ix/2}} \frac{e^{i(N+1)x/2} - e^{-i(N+1)x/2}}{e^{ix/2} - e^{-ix/2}} \right] \\ &= \frac{\sin(\frac{1}{2}(N+1)x)}{\sin(\frac{1}{2}x)} \operatorname{Im} [e^{iNx/2}] \\ &= \frac{\sin(\frac{1}{2}Nx) \sin(\frac{1}{2}(N+1)x)}{\sin(\frac{1}{2}x)}. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p^n \sin(nx) &= \operatorname{Im} \left[\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p^n e^{inx} \right] \\ &= \operatorname{Im} \left[\frac{1 - p e^{-ix}}{1 - 2p \cos x + p^2} \right] \\ &= \frac{p \sin x}{1 - 2p \cos x + p^2}. \end{aligned}$$

The sum of $\sin^2(kx)$ can also be done in closed form,

$$\sum_{k=0}^N \sin^2(kx) = \frac{1}{4} \{1 + 2N - \csc x \sin[x(1 + 2N)]\}.$$

The sine function obeys the identity

$$\sin(n\theta) = 2 \cos \theta \sin[(n-1)\theta] - \sin[(n-2)\theta]$$

and the multiple-angle formula

$$\sin(nx) = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \cos^k x \sin^{n-k} x \sin\left[\frac{1}{2}(n-k)\pi\right],$$

where $\binom{n}{k}$ is a binomial coefficient.

A curious identity is given by

$$\frac{\sin(n\alpha)}{\sin\alpha} = \sum_{j=1}^n \prod_{\substack{k=1 \\ k \neq j}}^n \frac{\sin(\alpha + \theta_j - \theta_k)}{\sin(\theta_j - \theta_k)}$$

for all α and $\theta_j \neq \theta_k$ (Calogero 1999; Beylkin and Mohlenkamp 2002; Trott 2006).

Cvijovic and Klinowski (1995) show that the sum

$$S_\nu(\alpha) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\sin(2k+1)\alpha}{(2k+1)^\nu}$$

has closed form for $\nu = 2n+1$,

$$S_{2n+1}(\alpha) = \frac{(-1)^n}{4(2n)!} \pi^{2n+1} E_{2n}\left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right),$$

where $E_n(x)$ is an Euler polynomial.

A continued fraction representation of $\sin x$ is

$$\sin x = \frac{x}{1 + \frac{x^2}{(2 \cdot 3 - x^2) + \frac{2 \cdot 3 x^2}{(4 \cdot 5 - x^2) + \frac{4 \cdot 5 x^2}{(6 \cdot 7 - x^2) + \dots}}}}$$

(Olds 1963, p. 138). The value of $\sin(2\pi/n)$ is irrational for all integers $n > 1$ except 4, and 12, for which $\sin(\pi) = 0$, $\sin(\pi/2) = 1$, and $\sin(\pi/6) = 1/2$, respectively.

The Fourier transform of $\sin(2\pi k_0 x)$ is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}_x[\sin(2\pi k_0 x)](k) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-2\pi i k x} \sin(2\pi k_0 x) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} i [\delta(k+k_0) - \delta(k-k_0)]. \end{aligned}$$

Definite integrals involving $\sin x$ include

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\infty} \sin(x^2) dx &= \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{2\pi} \\ \int_0^{\infty} \sin(x^3) dx &= \frac{1}{6} \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) \\ \int_0^{\infty} \sin(x^4) dx &= -\cos\left(\frac{5}{8}\pi\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{5}{4}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{4} (\sqrt{5}-1) \Gamma\left(\frac{6}{5}\right), \end{aligned}$$

$$\int_0^{\infty} \sin(x^5) dx$$

where $\Gamma(x)$ is the gamma function.

SEE ALSO: Andrew's Sine, Cosecant, Cosine, Elementary Function, Fourier Trans Sine, Hyperbolic Polar Sine, Hyperbolic Sine, Hypersine, Inverse Sine, Polar Sin Function, Sinusoid, Tangent, Trigonometric Functions, Trigonometry.
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